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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Linda  
4 Marie White, the 26th international president of the Alpha  
5 Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

6           WHEREAS, Linda White joined the Alpha Pi Chapter of Alpha  
7 Kappa Alpha at Clark University in Atlanta, Georgia in 1960;  
8 after leaving Clark, she returned to Chicago and joined the  
9 Theta Omega Chapter, where she began her ascension up the  
10 leadership ladder; she served Theta Omega as its president and  
11 was active in its charitable arm, the AKARAMA Foundation; and

12           WHEREAS, Anxious to serve Alpha Kappa Alpha on a national  
13 level, Linda White successfully ran for international  
14 secretary of Alpha Kappa Alpha and served from 1994 to 1998;  
15 she then ran for first vice president, which put her in line to  
16 be international president; she served in this capacity from  
17 2002 to 2006; and

18           WHEREAS, During her tenure as international president of  
19 Alpha Kappa Alpha, Linda White focused on education, health,  
20 the arts, and the black family; her administration was  
21 responsible for the launch of the Young Authors program, which  
22 showcased the talents of children up to age 18; her

1 administration provided a vehicle for exposing their works and  
2 a launching pad for their talent through the publication *The*  
3 *Spirit Within*; she is credited with the creation of the  
4 Centennial Traveling Exhibit, which captured highlights of  
5 AKA's 98-year-history in exhibits, dioramas, and interactive  
6 presentations; her administration also secured a \$1.5 million  
7 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, which enabled  
8 Alpha Kappa Alpha to establish the Ivy Reading AKAdemy, a  
9 tutorial haven for those youth who needed a place to improve  
10 their reading skills; and

11 WHEREAS, Linda White was active with the Links and served  
12 on the board of the United Negro College Fund; and

13 WHEREAS, Linda White was employed as a regional director  
14 with the Social Security Administration; and

15 WHEREAS, Linda White is survived by her sister, Judy White  
16 Rushing; her brother, Spruiell White (Nedra); her nephews, Adam  
17 and Albert Travis; and her many friends and colleagues,  
18 including the members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Linda

1 Marie White; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Linda White as an expression of our  
4 sympathy.